GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Dr. S.V.Prameela, Medical Superintendent (Retd), ESI Hospital, Visakhapatnam - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charges - Issued.

LABOUR, FACTORIES, BOILERS AND IMS (IMS&VIG) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.162 Dated: 11.05.2022

Read the Following:

1. From the DG, (V&E) & E.O. Prl. Secy. to Govt. VR.No.1, (C.No. 2982/V&E/ Sec.II/D2/2019-1&2&836/V&E/Sec.II/D2/2019-1) Dt.03.01.2020.
2. From the Director of Insurance Medical Services, A.P., Vijayawada Lr.Rc. No.1625923/SM/DIMS/2022, dated:15.03.2022
3. G.O.Ms.No.17, LFB &IMS (IMS & VIG) Dept., Dt.11.05.2022.

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ORDER

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government in the reference 3rd read above, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against Dr. S.V.Prameela, Medical Superintendent (Retd), ESI Hospital, Visakhapatnam in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed Statement of Articles of Charges (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior on which action is proposed to be taken against her is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the Articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure - III & IV).

3. Dr. S.V.Prameela, Medical Superintendent (Retd), ESI Hospital, Visakhapatnam, is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this Government Order a written statement of her defence and also to state whether she desires to be heard in person.

4. Dr. S.V.Prameela, Medical Superintendent (Retd), ESI Hospital, Visakhapatnam, is informed that an Inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges are not admitted. She should therefore, specifically admit or deny the each article of charge.

5. Dr. S.V.Prameela, Medical Superintendent (Retd), ESI Hospital, Visakhapatnam, is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para-3 above, or does not appear in person before the Inquiry Authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against her exparte.

6. Dr. S.V.Prameela, Medical Superintendent (Retd), ESI Hospital, Visakhapatnam, is invited to Rule 24 A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interests in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that she is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. Dr. S.V.Prameela, Medical Superintendent (Retd), ESI Hospital, Visakhapatnam, is specifically informed that this order does not preclude the disciplinary authority to frame fresh charges, if any other irregularities are noticed during the course of disciplinary action.

(P.T.O)

8. The receipt of this Government Order shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Dr. S.V.Prameela, Medical Superintendent (Retd), ESI Hospital, Visakhapatnam through the Director, Insurance Medical Services, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Director, Insurance Medical Services, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada with a request to serve the Articles of charge on the individual and furnish the dated ACK. of served copy for record.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

K. Vijaya Kumari
SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE - I

Statement of Article of Charges framed against Dr. S.V.Prameela, Medical Superintendent (Retd), ESI Hospital, Visakhapatnam.

That the said Dr. S.V.Prameela, Medical Superintendent (Retd), ESI Hospital, Visakhapatnam while working from 2014 to 2019, had committed the grave misconduct and irregularities as mentioned in the article of charges.

Article of Charge -1

That Dr. S.V. Prameela while working as Medical Superintendent, ESI Hospital, Visakhapatnam purchased life saving drugs and Non emergency drugs from local distributors beyond the budget provision without any intimation and ratification from the Director, Insurance Medical Services.

By his above mentioned acts, he has exhibited lack of integrity, irresponsible towards his legitimate duties, maintaining integrity, devotion to duty and unbecoming of a Government Servant and hereby violated Rule 3(i) of the AP Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE - II

Statement of imputations of misconduct and irregularities in support of Article of Charges framed against Dr. S.V.Prameela, Medical Superintendent (Retd), ESI Hospital, Visakhapatnam.

The Vigilance & Enforcement officials have enquired regarding the misappropriation in the Directorate of Insurance Medical Services, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada in procurement of Drugs, Medical Equipment, Biometric Machines, Furniture, engaging the services of call center and ECG Test through M/s. Tale Health Services and establishment of Sewage Treatmert plants at 03 Hospitals and one Diagnostic Center through M/s. Jalam Environmental Pvt Ltd., during the tenure of previous three I/c. Directors of Insurance Medical Services i.,e Dr. B. Ravi Kumar (01-11-2014 to 05-07-2016), Dr. C.K. Ramesh Kumar (06-07-2016 to 01-11-2017) and Dr. G. Vijaya Kumar (02-11-2017 to 07-05-2019) and submitted report to the Government. The following are the lapses, irregularities noticed during the enquiry.

1. The Department of Labour, Employment, Training & Factories (IMS) formulated the comprehensive policy guidelines for purchase of Drugs & Medicines and Medical equipment in Insurance Medical Services Department vide G.O.Ms.No.51, Dt.09.04.2012 of LET&F Dept,.

The Govt. authorised Medical Superintendents of ESI Hospitals and Diagnostic Centers for procurement of Life Saving Drugs in emergency with a financial power not exceeding Rs.10,000/-and authorised I/c.Medical Officer of Dispensaries with financial power of not exceeding Rs.1,000/-.

As per Circular Rc. No. 13/CDS/2014, Dt.31.05.2016 of the Director, IMS, the Medical Superintendents of ESI Hospitals are authorised to procure Life Saving medicines locally within the limits. For ESI Hospital Superintendents not exceeding Rs 10,000/- at a time up to Rs. 1,50,000/- per quarter (Rs.6.00 Lakhs per annum). The Medical Superintendents purchased the medicines beyond the above ceiling viz., required for chronic kidney diseases like Cap. Mycofinolate, Tab. Carnitor, Tab. Ditor, Tab. Nephrosave, Tab. Creon and drugs required for cancer disease like Tab. Imatinib, Tab. Minoxidil, Tab. Temazolamide, Tab. Everolimus, Tab. Nodosis etc., He purchased non emergency drugs and surgical items, though they are not authorised to purchase. He failed to forward the emergency indents after exceeding the limit of purchase for life saving drugs.

The statement showing the details of purchase of drugs by Medical Superintendent, ESI Hospital, Visakhapatnam beyond his ceiling limits by violating the directions issued by the Director, Insurance Medical Services as shown below:-

Financial Year	210/211 (M&S)		210/212 (D&M)	
	Budget Allotted	Expenditure	Budget Allotted	Expenditure
2014-2015	350000	328441	625000	642871
2015-2016	750000	1306581	1100000	2989464
2016-2017	0	491284	600000	1947851
2017-2018	0	0	600000	431051
2018-2019	400000	29767	600000	243066
TOTAL	1500000	2156073	3525000	6254303

From this, it is evident that she has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and unbecoming of a Government Servant and hereby violated Rule 3(i) of the AP Civil Services (Conduct) rules, 1964.

Hence, the charges.

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ANNEXURE - III

List of documents on the basis of which the Article of Charges framed against Dr. S.V. Prameela, Medical Superintendent, ESI Hospital, Visakhapatnam (Retired).

1. G.O.Ms.No.51, Dt.09.04.2012 of LET&F Dept.
2. Circular No.13/CDS/2014, Dt.31.05.2016 of the Director, Insurance Medical Services
3. Purchase procedure guidelines of ES C vide LR.NO.U-16/52/2001/MED-III (AP), dt.22.11.2016.
4. Vigilance Report No. 01 (C.No. 2982/V&E/Sec-II/D2/2019-1,2 & 836/DG/V&E/Sec-II/D2/2019) Dt. 03.01.2020 of the Director General (V&E) & E.O. Prl. Secretary to Government, General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department.

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ANNEXURE - IV

List of witness by whom the Article of Charges framed against Dr. S.V. Prameela, Medical Superintendent, ESI Hospital, Visakhapatnam (Retired).

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